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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH SADDAM HUSSEIN

1. SUMMARY: U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT REGIONAL EDITOR DENNIS MULLIN HAD TWO-HOUR LONG INTERVIEW WITH IRAQI STRONGMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN. INTERVIEW PRODUCED NO MAJOR NEW DEPARTURES BUT CLARIFIED IRAQ'S POSITIONS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, INCLUDING A REITERATION OF BAGHDAD'S HARDLINE POLICY TOWARDS ITS DAMASCUS RIVALS AND ITS OPPOSITON TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, HUSSEIN WARNED AGAINST U.S. ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION AND HINTED AT POSSIBLE COMPROMISE WITH SAUDI ARABIA ON OIL PRICES. END SUMMARY.

2. TEXT OF FINAL GOI-APPROVED TRANSCRIPT IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: QUESTION: SIR, YOU RECENTLY CELEBRATED THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE ARAB BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY, COULD YOU REVIEW THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PARTY'S ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE COMING TO POWER HERE IN IRAQ?

ANSWER: MY IDEA OF ACHIEVEMENTS MAY DIFFER FROM YOURS IN  
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THE UNITED STATES. BUT THOSE WHO KNEW IRAQ BEFORE THE REVOLUTION IN 1968, WILL ATTEST TO OUR CLEAR AND OBVIOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

BEFORE THAT DATE, IRAQ WAS A STATE ONLY IN THE OFFICIAL SENSE. EVERYTHING WAS IN CHAOS, THE VARIOUS NATIONAL GROUPS WERE FIGHTING EACH OTHER, THE CONOMY WAS DISORGANIZED AND THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE IGNORED.

ANYBODY CAN SEE THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED STABILITY AND RELATED THE INSTITUTIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT TO THE CITIZENRY. FIRST WE NATIONALIZED OUR PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO CONTROL OUR WEALTH, AND THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ORGANIZED ECONOMY. OUR NATIONAL INCOME IS WELL CALCULATED AND CAREFULLY SPENT. WE HAVE REACHED FULL EMPLOYMENT, AND EVEN FACE A MANPOWER SHORTAGE.

WE HAVE

UNIFIED THE POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN IRAQ AND PUT THEM ON ONE TRACK. WE HAVE DEMARCATED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARIOUS PARTIES, RELIGIONS AND NATIONAL MINORITIES SETTING OUT CLEARLY EVERYONE'S OBLIGATIONS AND DUTIES.

EDUCATIONN WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO MANY PEOPLE IN IRAQ. NOW IT IS COMPLETELY FREE, OPPORTUNITY IS OPEN TO ALL AND PRIMARY EDUCATION WILL SOON BE COMPULSORY. SOCIALLY WE HAVE FREED THE PEASANT FROM FEUDAL LORDS AND GIVEN HIM LAND. LAWS HAVE BEEN PASSED RADICALLY IMPROVING THE LIFE OF LABORERS.

CHILDREN, WIDOWS, THE NADICAPPED AND THE UNDERPRIVILEGED ARE BEING TAKEN CARE OF BY THE STATE. WE HAVE TAKEN GREAT INTEREST IN THE ARTS, CULTURE AND INFORMATION, AND FINALLY WE HAVE BUILT A STRONG ARMY TO DEFEND US IN CASE ANYONE ATTACKS IRAQ.

Q: YOU HAVE HAD AN INSURGENCY PROBLEM IN KURDISTAN, IS IT OVER AND DO YOU SUSPECT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IS GOING ON THERE?

A: WE THINK WE HAVE FOUND THE RIGHT SOLUTION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE KURDISH PROBLEM. FROM THE JUMAN, LEGAL AND POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW IT HAS BEEN SOLVED. AS A RESULT, SHOULD A FEW INSURGENTS SURFACE OVER THE NEXT FIVE OR TEN YEARS, IT WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM.

WE HAVE SOUGHT TO PUT THE DDISH PEOPLE IN A FRAME OF MIND WHEREBY THEY CAN RESPOND TO OUR PROGRAMS AND BE AWARE OF THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE IN IRAQ. SHOULD THEY REJECT THIS, THEN WE WILL TAKE ANOTHER APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM.

AS REGARDS OUTSIDE ACTIVITY, IT HAS BEEN PUBLICIZED IN THE UNITED STATES THAT YOUR COUNTRY INTERVENED IN KURDISTAN UNTIL MARCH 1975. WE NOW HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT THE U.S. IS STILL INVOLVED IN THE KURDISH PROBLEM. BUT WE MUST CONCLUDE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ALWAYS INTERESTED IN CAUSING TROUBLE FOR IRAQ.

Q: THE BAATH PARTY ADVOCATES ARAB UNITY AND PREDICTS REVOLUTIONS WILL COME IN THE ARAB WORLD, HOW IS THIS POLICY PROGRESSING?

A: THE BAATH PARTY CONSIDERS THE ARAB PEOPLE AS BOTH

THE END AND THE MEANS TO UNITY. BUT IN SPITE OF THE FACT  
THAT WE THINK OUR WAY IS THE RIGHT ONE, WE DO NOT  
ISOLATE OURSELVES OR SHUT THE DOOR TO A DIALOGUE WITH  
OTHERS. WE DEAL WITH OTHER POLITICAL GROUPINGS IN AN  
OPEN WAY AND WITHOUT RESTRICTION.  
WE HAVE BRANCHES IN MANY ARAB COUNTRIES, AND WE WOULD  
LIKE TO SERVE AS THE MODEL AND CENTER OF ATTRACTION FOR  
THE MASSES. BUT WE ARE NOT ON THE ATTACK, WE DEAL THROUGH  
PERSUASION AND INTERACTION. WE ARE NOT A KITCHEN,  
PREPARING READY-MADE FORMULAS FOR CHANGE IN THE ARAB WORLD.

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WE BELIEVE THAT ANY REGIME WILL SURVIVE AS LONG AS IT  
TAKES CARE OF ITS PEOPLE, AND WE CALL ON ALL ARAB  
RULERS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR TIES WITH THEIR CITIZENS.  
WE ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING THE DESTINY OF THE ARAB  
PEOPLE, AND DEAL WITH THE PRESENT GOVERNMENTS IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THIS PRINCIPLE. THE AWARENESS OF ARAB UNITY IS  
TODAY STRONGER AND DEEPER THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN.  
Q: YOUR RELATIONS WITH THE CURRENT REGIME IN SYRIA  
(WHICH ALSO CLAIMS TO BE BAATHIST) HAVE BEEN ACRIMONIOUS,  
COULD YOU TELL US WHY AND CAN THEY BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY?  
A: ALL ARAB CITIZENS AND THOSE IN SYRIA ARE ENTITLED  
TO FOUR BASIC RIGHTS. FIRST THE RIGHT TO LIBERATE ALL  
OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS, SECOND TO HAVE RECOURSE TO  
DEMOCRATIC RULE, THIRD TO SOLVE THEIR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS  
AND FOURTH TO A POLICY OF UNITY WITH THE ARAB WORLD.  
WE BELIEVE THE SYRIAN REGIME IS VIOLATING EACH OF THESE  
BASIC POINTS--AND THIS IS A CONVICTION SHARED BY PEOPLE  
EVERYWHERE IN THE ARAB WORLD.

THERE IS NO PLACE IN OUR POLITICAL PROGRAM FOR ANY RECONCILIATION WITH THE SYRIAN REGIME. WE SUPPORT ANY POLICY THAT SERVES THE PEOPLE, AND WHEN SYRIAN POLICY IS CHANGED IN THAT DIRECTION, THEN WE SHALL RECONSIDER.

A: THERE HAS BEEN MUCH TALK ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YEAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HOW DO YOU SEE THE PROSPECTS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL?

A: THE ATTEMPT AT A RECONCILIATION WITH ISRAEL MAY SUCCEED UNDER THE COVER OF A SETTLEMENT. BUT IT WILL BE ONLY A RESPITE, AND A SHORT-LIVED ONE AT THAT. IF THE GOAL IS FOR A CONSTANT AND PERMANENT FORMULA FOR PEACE IN THE REGION, THEN IT IS BEING APPROACHED IN THE WRONG WAY.

FIRST LET ME SAY THAT THE IMPRESSION IN WESTERN CIRCLES THAT IRAQ IS DETERMINED TO THROW THE JEWS INTO THE SEA IS INCORRECT, THIS NOT PART OF OUR IDEOLOGY OR POLICY. THE ARABS HISTORICALLY HAVE NEVER BEEN BIGOTED OR FANATIC AND NEVER DENIED PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO THEIR OWN WAY OF LIFE AND RELIGIOUS PRACTICE.

BUT WE FEEL THAT THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE SEARCH FOR A SETTLEMENT ARE THE WRONG ONES AND THEY WILL NOT LEAD TO PEACE. WHAT IS BEING DISCUSSED NOW IS NOT HOW THE JEWS CAN ULTIMATELY LIVE IN THE AREA PEACEFULLY, BUT RATHER HOW ZIONISM AND EXPANSIONISM CAN BE PROTECTED AND GUARANTEED. ALSO THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION IS BEING POSED WRONGLY.

WHAT SHOULD BE ASKED IS HOW EVERYONE IN THE REGION CAN LIVE WITH DIGNITY AND IN PEACE. WHEN VIEWED THIS WAY, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO FIND A CORRECT SOLUTION FOR ALL PARTIES TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY AND IN FREEDOM. I THINK YOU WILL FIND THAT WHEN ADDRESSED IN THIS LIGHT, THE ARABS WILL BE THE FIRST TO SEEK A HUMANITARIAN SOLUTION. BUT WE WILL NEVER RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO LIVE AS A SEPARATE ZIONIST STATE.

Q: IF THERE IS AN AGREEMENT BACKED BY BOTH THE U.S.A. AND THE SOVIET UNION, WILL IRAQ OPPOSE IT?

A: IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO US WHO ORGANIZES AN AGREEMENT, THE U.S., THE USSR OR BOTH OF THEM. OUR CONCERN IS WITH THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE PROPOSED SOLUTION. WE HAVE CRITICIZED IN OUR PRESS THE POSITIONS OF BOTH THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION ON A SETTLEMENT ALONG THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LINES NOW PROPOSED.

WE WILL FACE ANY AGREEMENT FROM THE POSITIONS WE HAVE  
PUT FORWARD AND BELIEVE IN. AND WE WILL OPPOSE ANY  
AGREEMENT WE DON'T BELIEVE IN THROUGH ALL AVAILABLE  
MEANS.

Q: HOW ARE IRAQI-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND DO YOU SEE ANY  
SHIFT IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TOWARD THE ARABS, OR  
ANY CHANCE OF NORMALIZING DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS?

A: WE HAVE SEEN NO TANGIBLE CHANGES IN AMERICAN POLICY  
SO FAR, BUT WE ARE WATCHING WITH INTEREST THE STATEMENTS  
OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. WE WILL WAIT TO SEE IF ANY  
NEW PRONOUNCEMENTS ARE PUT SUCCESSFULLY TO TEST.  
OF COURSE NATIONS SHOULD HAVE NATURAL RELATIONS, AND IT  
IS UNNATURAL WHEN THEY SEVER DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS. WHEN  
CIRCUMSTANCES BECOME PROPITIOUS AND FAVORABLE, WE WILL  
REVIEW THE POSSIBILITY OF RESTORING THEM.

Q: DESPITE POLITICAL PROBLEMS AMERICAN BUSINESS IS  
FUNCTIONING HERE. IS IT WELCOME AND HOW WILL YOU RESPOND  
TO ANTI-BOYCOTT REGULATIONS IN AMERICA?

A: THE FACT THAT AMERICAN BUSINESS IS HERE IS FURTHER PROOF  
THAT WE ARE NOT FANATICS. WE DEAL WITH NO PRECONDITIONS  
WITH AMERICANS AS LONG AS A FORMULA CAN BE REACHED TO  
MUTUAL BENEFIT.

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ON THE BOYCOTT, WE ADHERE TO ARAB LEAGUE RESOLUTIONS  
WHICH REJECT ALL SUCH LEGISLATION AS INEFFECTIVE  
COERCION AND ATTEMPTS AT SUBJUGATION. IF THE U.S. IS  
INTERESTED IN EXPRESSING ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM ISRAEL,

AND ISRAEL FROM THE U.S., YOU SHOULD AVOID SUCH  
LEGISLATION.

Q: PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BEEN SPEAKING MUCH ABOUT HUMAN  
RIGHTS, HOW DO YOU ASSESS THAT POLICY, IS IT INTERFERENCE  
IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS?

A: WE BELIEVE IN THE RIGHTS OF MAN, AS A CENTRAL PRINCIPLE  
OF OUR IDEOLOGY. ANY METHOD OF MAKING PEOPLE AWARE  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHERE IT COMES FROM,  
WE SUPPORT.

THE QUESTION HERE IS WHETHER PRESIDENT CARTER IS PREPARED  
TO RAISE OBJECTIONS TO THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY  
REGIMES FRIENDLY TO THE U.S., OR ONLY THOSE OPPOSED. AND  
ALSO IF THERE ARE IN FACT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE  
NATIONS HE REFERS TO. WE ARE WAITING TO SEE IF THE JUMAN  
FUS CAMPAIGN IS A POLITICAL TACTIC OR IF IT IS A MATTER  
OF PRINMIPLE TO BE IMPLEMENTED INSIDE THE U.S. AND IN  
THE WORLD.

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Q: HOW ARE IRAQI-SOVIET RELATIONS AND WHAT ROLE SHOULD

THE SOVIETS PLAY IN THE AREA?

A: OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ARE MUTUALLY  
GOOD AND FRIENDLY. THE SOVIETS HELP US IN MANY AREAS  
AND SUPPLY US WITH ARMS. BUT IF WE FEEL THAT WE NEED  
ADDITIONAL HELP FROM OTHER SOURCES IN ARMS AND OTHER  
CATEGORIES, THEN WE SHALL SEEK IT OUT. THIS IS A BASIC  
PNCIPLE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHER STATES.

IN OUR VIEW THE SOVIET UNION HAS LARGE OBLIGATIONS  
TOWARDS THE ARABS, AND WE EXPECT IT TO PLAY A ROLE  
AS A FRIEND AND SUPPORT ARAB RIGHTS. BUT WE DO NOT  
EXPECT, AND IT IS NOT REQUIRED, THAT THE SOVIET UNION  
SHOULD DO THINGS FOR US BY PROXY.

Q: ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT GROWING SOVIET INFLUENCE  
IN AFRICA, ESPECIALLY ON THE HORN OF AFRICA AND AROUND  
THE RED SEA?

A: ANY RELATIENSHIP ACCEPT BY THE PEOPLE CONCERNED  
IS LEGITIMATE IN OUR VIEW. AND AS FAR AS AFRICA IS  
CONCERNED, WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANY OBJECTIONS FROM THE  
DPEOPLE INVOLVED, ABOUT THE SOVIET PRESENCE.  
IN ASSESSING ANY INVOLVEMENT HOWEVER, I MIGHT ADD  
WE DO NOT RELATE TO THE STRATEGIC INTERESTS OF THE BIG  
POWERS. WHAT AMERICA MAY THINK IS RISKY DANGERSOUS,  
WE MAY NOT. AND WHAT THE SOVIET UNION SEES AS DANGEROUS,

WE MIGHT NOT FIND AS SUCH. WE ALWAYS STRESS THE INDEPENDENCE  
OF OUR POLICIES FROM EVERYBODY, INCLUDING THE SOVIETS,  
AND WE WISH ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WOULD DO THE SAME.

Q: ARE YOR WORRIETHAT THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE  
PERSIAN GULF MAY BECOME AN ARENA OF SUPERPOWER RIVALRY?

A: WE WISH TO SEE THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE  
NOT RIVALRY. BECAUSE OF OUR POSITION ON THE ARABIAN  
GULF, THIS IS VITAL TO OUR SECURITY. WE FEEL THE  
BIGGEST HAZARD IN THIS REGARD IS THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN  
MILITARY BASES, REGARDLESS OF WHO THEY BELONG TO.  
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WE SEE THE SOLUTION IN THE LITTORAL STATES DETERMINING  
THE FORMULA THROUGH WHICH THIS PROBLEM SHOULD BE TACKLED.  
AND WE HOPE THAT THE BIG POWERP WILL LISTEN TO THE OPINION  
OF THE INDIAN OCEAN STATES.

Q: YOU HAVE HAD SOME PREVIOUS TROUBLE IN YOUR RELATIONS  
WITH IRAN AND KUWAIT, HOW ARE THEY NOW?

A: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH IRAN IS QUITE GOOD, AND WE ARE  
DETERMINED TO KEEP IT THAT WAY--WE ALSO HAVE REASON TO  
BELIEVE THAT IRAN IS ANXIOUS TO DO THE SAME.

KUWAIT, OF COURSE, IS AN ARAB COUNTRY WHICH WE RECOGNIZE,  
AND OUR PROBLEM IS FINED TO THE DEMARCATION OF FRONTIERS.  
WITH ARAB REGIMES WE SEEK TO FIND A SOLUTION IN THE  
ARAB CONTEXT, AND WE ARE NOT CLOSING THE DOOR TO A SOLU-  
TION WITH KUWAIE THAT CAN SECURE THE INTEREST AND THE  
SOVEREIGNTY OF BOTH SIDES.

Q: WITH PERHAPS THE WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST PETROLEUM  
RESERVES, HOW DO YOU VIEW THE RECENT RIFT IN THE ORGANIZA-  
TION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING  
COUNTRIES, AND WILL YOU RAISE  
OIL PRICES AGAIN IN JULY AS OPEC HAS PROPOSED?

A: WHEN FIXING OIL PRICES WE CONSIDER THE WELFARE OF OUR  
PEOPLE, WHILE NOT JEOPARDIZING THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF  
OTHERS. BY INCREASING PRODUCTION, SOME OPEC STATES  
HAVE JEOPARDIZED OUR INTERESTS, AND BY SETTING THEIR  
PRICES UNILATERALLY THEY HAVE JEOPARDIZED EVEN THEIR OWN.

WE HAVE CONVEYED THIS TO OUR BROTHERS IN SAUDI ARABIA AND  
THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND ARE EXERTING EFFORTS TO CLOSE  
THIS GAP BETWEEN US. WE HAVE SO RECEIVED POSITIVE INDICA-  
TIONS FROM SAUDI ARABIA ON THIS QUESTION.  
IF NEGOTIATIONS FAIL, WE WILL GO ALONG WITH THE  
DECISION BY THE MAJORITY OF OPEC TO RAISE PRICES IN TWO  
STAGES AND WILL FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE SCHEDULED INCREASE  
IN JULY. UNQUOTE.  
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3. MULLIN EXPECTS INTERVIEW WILL BE PUBLISHED ON APRIL 17.  
HE HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN GIVING  
USINT FULL TEXT IN ADVANCE OF PUBLICATION, AND DEPARTMENT  
IS REQUESTED TO USE DUE CAUTION IN PROTECTING MULLIN'S  
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